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SEPTEMBER 2003 Report Card

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Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant

To keep you better informed and seek your opinion, the Pueblo Chemical Depot Community Outreach Office will be sending you post card mailers every so often. Please read it over, and if you have thoughts, comments or concerns, jot them down and send the card back to us.

- At last year's Community Forum, you might recall that citizens expressed their support for neutralization followed by biotreatment as the best way to safely dispose of the chemical weapons stockpile stored at the Pueblo Chemical Depot. The community also agreed to study options to accelerate the process.
- A sub-committee of the Citizens' Advisory Commission (CAC) has studied these acceleration options and at the Community Forum held last month, local citizens concluded:
 - If weapon propellants are uncontaminated, shipping them off the depot to an approved disposal facility is acceptable. If they're contaminated, they should be disposed of on the depot.
 - If dunnage (such as ammo boxes and pallets) is uncontaminated, it's acceptable to recycle it for Army purposes or dispose of at an approved site. If it's contaminated, it should be disposed of on the depot.
 - 3. The neutralization byproduct (called "hydrolysate") should be disposed of on the depot.
- As a result of these conclusions, the CAC voted to send a letter to the Department of Defense supporting the recommendations above. The methods to verify the contamination on the first two conclusions will be worked out with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.
- We hope for a final decision from the Department of Defense in September 2003.

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